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Ornner Brown, SR. Longtime Leesville, La. Resident departed this life on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. The U.S. Army veteran, former businessman and retired Vernon Parish School Board employee was 92.

Funeral services for Mr. Brown will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 31, 2013 at the Pleasant Hill Baptist, 1210 M.W. Harrison Street, Leesville, La. 71446. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 31, 2013 at the church. Burial will follow in the Leesville Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Labby Memorial Funeral Home of Leesville.

Brother Ornner Brown, SR., was born on February 25, 1921 in Allen, Louisiana, which is a rural community, near the Cane River in Natchitoches Parish and grew up during the Great Depression Era of the United States of America.

He was the second out of three (3) sons, who was born to Carrie Lindsey Brown and Samuel Brown. He was christened in the local Methodist Church. At an early age, he along with the rest of the Brown's family moved by uncovered wagon to the town of Fisher, Louisiana where his father took a job as a Barber at the local sawmill, Louisiana Longleaf Lumber Company but is now known as Louisiana Pacific.

Ornner attended the local elementary school in Fisher and later graduated from high school at the Sabine Parish Training School in Many, Louisiana. In the latter part of 1941 and at the outbreak of World War II, Camp Polk, (now known as Ft. Polk) a U.S. Army military installation was activated near Leesville, Louisiana. Ornner's mother, Mrs. Carrie Lindsey Brown decided to leave Fisher, La. and open a café in Leesville, La., which was the first of many businesses to come for the Brown's family. Following the success of this family business, Ornner and the rest of the family relocated to Leesville, La. , later that year.

Ornner married Myrtle Louise Johnson on March 25, 1942 and shortly thereafter he was drafted into the United States Army and stationed in Europe where he served with distinction in England,



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France, Belgium and Germany, including the historic D-Day invasion, as a logistics non-commissioned officer. He was honorably discharged at Camp Shelby, Mississippi in December 1945.

During the time he was away serving his country, Myrtle gave birth to the first of four children. Upon his return, she reunited with Ornner and worked with him in the family businesses that soon expanded to include a Barber Shop, Trucking Company, Laundry/Dry Cleaner, Liquor Store/Saloon, Grocery Store, Motel, Taxi & Ice delivery service respectively, Financial Lending as well as extensive realty rental properties. All were located in the segregated part of town known as "The Crossing".

He also became an employee of the Vernon Parish School Board, as an owner/operator in their transportation services department, where he retired after twenty-four (24) years of service.

An avid reader his other life passions included automobile, music, gun, & coin collecting, cooking, gardening, carpentry, masonry, photography, videography, keeping abreast of the latest technology and insuring his family had access to all the opportunities that a higher education could afford them. He led by example of the importance of presenting yourself appropriately attired for all public occasions and while conducting business. In the early part of this life he traveled with his family to major U.S. cities to visit friends and family. He enjoyed smokeless tobacco, the occasional distilled spirit and some dancing.

He nurtured and mentored his grandsons; and, he was a former strict military disciplinarian and true renaissance man.

He was as an active member and office holder of the American Legion Balaam Jones Post 510 and the Pride of Leesville Masonic Lodge #41 until his health failed. In addition and although not a member of an organized church, The Veteran's Administration Chaplain again baptized Bro. Brown, after having accepted Christ as his personal savior, on the 9th day of December 2004.

His father, mother, and brothers Alex Brown & J.R. (Fats) Brown preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his faithful and loving wife, Myrtle L. Brown, two (2) sons Ornner Brown, JR. of Leesville, La. and Douglas L. Brown of Austin, Tx. two (2) daughters Charlotte B. Westle (Arthur) of Urbana, IL. Marilynn B. Palmer (Michael) of Leesville, La. grandchildren and a host of



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nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed but long remembered by all of those who knew and truly loved him.



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RM

Robert & Cheryl Mccullum posted:

Mrs. Myrtle Brown and family, we offer our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one, Mr. Ornner Brown, Sr.. Charlotte, whom I consider my sister, has lovingly shared so many stories about your family and especially about Mr. Brown, who was quite accomplished and remarkable! We pray that God continues to keep you and pray His presence will comfort you in your season of loss and grief. It is our prayer that loving memories of Mr. Brown will bring you joy in the days ahead. Praying God's Peace for you all.

September 1 at 7:00 PM

AS

Angela Sullivan posted:

As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.

September 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Aunt Myrtle, Douglas(God Brother), and family: During this sorrowful time there is never enough words to express our heart felt sympathy for the loss of one so dear & near to our family. We pray God's comfort & peace over your family as we continue to keep each of you lifted in prayer. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27 Although we are not with you physically, our hearts, thoughts, love, & prayers are with you, Love Nathaniel, Sue, & Secunda Hopkins (Junction City, KS)

August 30 at 7:00 PM

RH

Rosie Hackett posted:

Mr. Brown had the cleanest bus in Vernon Parish. He was a very nice bus driver. Didn't allow no fights or bullying on his bus. He protected you like you were his own child. When The Lord blesses him with grandchildren, you thought he had won the lottery. He was so proud. He was just an awesome man. I love when I would get off the bus and race him to my block and when I would reach the point before he did, he would just honk his horn. Oh yeah, he had a horn out of this world. Family, Mr. Brown was the best.

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DL

Debra Martin-Levene posted:

To Sister Myrtle Brown and Family,"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your cares on him because he cares for you."

August 29 at 7:00 PM

KT

Kim Tyler posted:

To Mrs Myrtle Brown and family: My prayer are with you all. And the Tyler and Williams family send there condolences. Mr Brown will be missed.

August 28 at 7:00 PM

LM

Laura Martinez posted:

Marilyn and family, my prayers are with you. As I was reading this obituary, I kept thinking, "what a facinating man." I didnt realize until I read your name, that this is your father. I'm so sorry for your loss. I've always been impressed by your commitment to take great care of him. God bless you and your family during this difficult time.

August 28 at 7:00 PM



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